

**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the application as indicated hereafter.

**In the Claims**

Please substitute the following clean copy text for the pending claims of the same number.

3. (Once Amended) An integrated circuit according to claim 1 wherein said alignment link comprises said common area of integrated circuit real estate.

4. (Once Amended) An integrated circuit according to claim 1 wherein said first port is located in said first area of integrated circuit real estate.

5. (Once Amended) An integrated circuit according to claim 1 wherein said second port is located in said second area of integrated circuit real estate.